

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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This Fall has started with a flurry of activity. Our state was host to the kick-off of the NFL football season and our own Super Bowl winners continued their winning streak. The start of Art in Indianapolis symbolizes the beginning of the arts season in Central Indiana. The United Way organizations across the state will begin their busy campaign season to insure that those who need assistance will receive what they need from member agencies. Farmer's are harvesting their crops, children are back in school, and in general every Hoosier is busy making sure their community is the best it can be. The Hoosier volunteer spirit is alive and well in Indiana! What a great way to celebrate the start of Fall, 2007.

White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference
Youth and Education in the Hispanic Community
Monday, September 24th, 8 AM to 5 PM
Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009



On Monday, September 24, 2007, the White House and the Departments of Education, Justice, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, Homeland Security, the Agency for International Development, and the Small Business Administration will host a conference in Washington, DC, to help social service organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. This conference will give practical information on education reform and provide technical assistance for accessing Federal resources that will expand the understanding and build the capacity of faith-based and community organizations to better serve children, youth, families, and communities. Although the conference will highlight successful educational partnerships within the Hispanic community, the information given at the conference will be of benefit to organizations that work with youth of all races and ethnic backgrounds.

This conference is free, but pre-registration is required, and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.fbc.gov to register online. Please register by Wednesday, September 18th. If you are unable to register online, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com or call 202-456-6708.

Observe September 11 through Volunteerism



MyGoodDeed.org, launched in 2006 on the fifth anniversary of 9/11, with the support of more than 20 leading 9/11 family and support groups and national non profits. The mission of myGoodDeed.org is to gradually transform 9/11 into a nationally recognized day of volunteerism, charitable service, and good deeds. This initiative calls on Americans and

organizations to pledge to perform at least one good deed of their own choosing in observance of 9/11. To register a good deed pledge for 9/11, visit <http://www.myGoodDeed.org>



As many of you know, last year the National FFA Organization hosted the largest youth conference in the country right here in Indianapolis. Once again, and for several years to come, our wonderful city will be playing host to over 55,000 FFA members and their advisors from across the country. This year's convention dates are October 24-27, 2007. To help facilitate this event takes hundreds of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up online at www.ffaindy.com.

Please note that one of the opportunities to volunteer is at the National Days of Service event. They are currently seeking interested individuals to act as bus riders and on-site volunteers at the Indiana Convention Center. The bus riders are individuals who will go to a site and will join in the service activity if they choose, however, they will not be responsible for any of the planning purposes. A total of 39 bus riders are needed.

Also, to help recruit volunteers to staff FFA Center tours, the National FFA is offering a monetary donation to any (not-for-profit) organization that is able to **staff a shift of 15 people**. If you know of an organization what might be interested in participating, please contact Amber Smyer at the National FFA (asmeyer@ffa.org).

A new online clearinghouse describes numerous web sites with free practical activities, useful toolkits and other helpful information to help kids be physically fit and eat well. Compiled by Yale University, this clearinghouse includes web sites such as: CDC Healthy Youth!: School Nutrition Success Stories (<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/nutrition/Making-It-Happen>) and Fit and Fun Families Employer Online Tool Kit (http://www.cigna.com/our_plans/programs/healthy_kids.html). Visit http://www.yale.edu/21c/documents/2007_Spring_IssueBrief_Nutrition.pdf for more helpful resources.



Thanks to Verizon's **Thinkfinity**, a comprehensive web site containing a widespread collection of education and literacy resources for teachers and after-school youth workers, teachers and youth workers can encourage academic achievement. For more information, please visit <http://www.thinkfinity.org>

Indiana State University Terre Haute's Center for Public Service and Community Engagement will be hosting a Terre Haute Volunteer Fair on **Wednesday, September 12th** from 11 AM to 2 PM, on campus in the Dede Plaza. For more information, please call 812-237-2334.



You are invited to attend the 3rd Annual SAVI Users Conference: "Using Local Information for Community Change" on **Tuesday, October 2** at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. It is the perfect opportunity to learn more about a local resource for detailed community information.

The **SAVI** Community Information System (www.savi.org) is a one-stop source of data and information for Central Indiana communities and organizations. It provides local data about the social, economic, and physical conditions of neighborhoods, townships, and counties, and other geographic areas such as school districts. SAVI summarizes these data into community profiles and allows you to view and analyze detailed data in maps, charts, and tables. Faith-based organizations have used SAVI their strategic planning process, targeting outreach, grant applications, membership mapping, understanding the community, and much more.

Six nationally recognized speakers from across the nation will be participating in this year's conference theme: Using Local Information for Community Change. Topics include: Why Place Matters; National Trends in Using Local Information; Neighborhood Engagement; Early Childhood School Readiness; Housing Foreclosures; Emergency Response; Public Health; Human Services Planning; Google Maps for Nonprofits; and more.

For more information and to register: <http://www.savi.org/conference>. **SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER NOW!**

2007 Festival Celebrates *Living Generously*

What constitutes a generous community? How do we welcome the “other” in our midst? What are the social, historical, religious, and cultural contexts for living generously?

Find answers (and many more questions) at the 2007 Spirit & Place Festival, November 2-18, 2007. Immerse yourself in stories from teenagers and older adults, from veterans and incarcerated girls, from singers and poets, from sacred texts and local history, from people around the corner and people around the world.



Choose from 71 events for all ages – workshops, concerts, intergenerational gatherings, plays, lectures, demonstrations, poetry readings, panel discussions, worship services, and more, and discover how *Living Generously* matters in our cultures and communities.

For more information visit <http://www.spiritandplace.org/Home.aspx> or email festival@iupui.edu to receive an event catalog by mail.

Did you Know...



On Election Day, it takes more than 30,000 poll workers to run Indiana's 5,500 precincts?

Recruiting volunteers is one of the biggest challenges of running an election?

This year, do more than vote on Election Day.

Donate for Democracy Basics:

Assist your fellow Hoosiers at the polls on Election Day and earn a few extra dollars for your favorite nonprofit organization. Donate for Democracy provides an opportunity for you to contribute to your organization's charitable goals, **AND** play an important role in the democratic process.

There are two easy requirements in order to participate:

- You must be a registered voter and a resident of the county in which you wish to work; and
- You must be at least 18 years old.

You will earn at least \$70 for your charity and possibly more depending on your county.

You will need to declare your political party preference in order to work on Election Day. Polling places are staffed by the political parties.

Contribute Your Time on Election Day & Contribute Money to Your Favorite Nonprofit

For more information, or to sign-up online, please visit www.donatefordemocracy.in.gov or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE. You may also request a brochure (limit 10) by emailing jsimpson@ofbci.in.gov. Please remember to include your name and mailing address.

Grant and Training Opportunities

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GRANTS TO SUPPORT SUMMER OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The Corporation for National and Community Service has announced the availability of up to \$900,000 for grants to support summer of service activities. Summer of service activities are defined as high quality, supervised, volunteer activities in multiple locations during the summer (out-of-school) months. The participants will be middle school youth (typically 10 to 14 years old) from disadvantaged circumstances in urban and rural areas. The purpose of this competition is to stimulate new or expanded service-learning opportunities in the summer programming of youth-serving organizations that already serve large numbers of youth from disadvantaged circumstances at multiple sites. Service learning opportunities are designed so that the youth meet unmet needs in their communities. To learn more, visit

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/initiatives/summer.asp>

**Grant-Writing for Beginners****September 12-13 9am-12pm**

Topic: Grant-Writing

Sponsored by: United Way of Central Indiana

Contact: Debi Lee (317)921-1257, <http://www.uwci.org/index.asp?p=179#isp>

Location: United Way of Central Indiana, 3901 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: \$90, \$100, \$130

Fiscal Management**September 13 9am-12pm**

Topic: Finances

Sponsored by: Decatur County Community Foundation

Contact: Lesley Devine (765)288-5586, <http://www.inrn.org>

Location: Greensburg Learning Center, 422 East Central Ave. Greensburg, IN

Making the Ask**September 13 9am-12pm**

Topic: Resource Development

Sponsored by: NonProfit Alliance for Monroe County

Contact: Renee Chambers (cfgrants@insightbb.com) by 9/10Location: Fountain Square Ballroom, 101 West Kirkwood Ave. 3rd Floor, Bloomington, IN

Fee: \$10

The Value of Lifelong Learning in the Workforce**September 13 2pm-4pm**

Topic: Human Resources

Sponsored by: Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana

Contact: Kashi Russell (317)524-4317

Location: Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, 1635 W. Michigan St. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: None

Good to Great Follow-Up Session 2**September 14 11:30am-1:30pm**

Topic: General

Sponsored by: Wabash County United Fund

Contact: Wabash County United Fund (260)563-6726

Location: Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Wabash, IN

Fee: \$10, \$15



**American
Red Cross**

of Greater Indianapolis

CENTRAL INDIANA RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES URGED TO PREPARE

September is National Preparedness Month

The American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis and Marion County Emergency Management will work to increase public awareness of emergency preparedness during September, which is National Preparedness Month.

A recent national survey revealed only seven percent of Americans have taken the necessary actions to prepare for a disaster or emergency*. During a disaster, an individual or family may be required to take care of themselves for the first 24-72 hours. That's why central Indiana residents need to **Be Red Cross Ready** by: getting a kit, making a plan and being informed. More information on **Be Red Cross Ready** can be found online at www.redcross-indy.org.

"Indianapolis residents are resilient in times of trouble and we encourage everyone to take a few simple steps to increase their emergency preparedness," said Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson in support of National Preparedness Month efforts.

The Greater Indianapolis Red Cross and Marion County Emergency Management have several activities planned for the month of September in observance of National Preparedness Month:

6th Annual Community Fair – September 11, 2007 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Monument Circle

The Annual Community Fair highlights community outreach and volunteerism. Test your preparedness knowledge with a spin at the "Wheel" and take home emergency preparedness materials.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class – Held in September 2007

CERT training teaches community members the basic skills needed to prepare for and respond to an emergency or disaster. Space is limited and registration is encouraged. For more information, call (317) 327-7501.

Culver's® "Day of Giving" – September 12, 2007 at any central Indiana Culver's location

Culver's partnered with the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis during National Preparedness Month to remind guests about the importance of being prepared for an emergency. On September 12, 10 percent of proceeds at any central Indiana Culver's location will benefit the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis. Come on out and enjoy a sweet treat for a good cause and take home preparedness materials.

"Ready Sunday" – September 30, 2007

Churches and other faith-based organizations will take the last Sunday in September as an opportunity to enhance community preparedness. Through their bulletins, newsletters, Web sites and congregations, churches and other faith-based organizations will distribute preparedness materials.

New American Red Cross Preparedness Materials

To keep preparedness in the forefront of people's thoughts and daily activities throughout the month, the Red Cross is releasing new preparedness materials, including *Masters of Disaster*®, a program designed to help educate youth in grades K-8 on disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Other updated materials include the brochure *Disaster Preparedness For Seniors By Seniors*.

"Ready Indy"

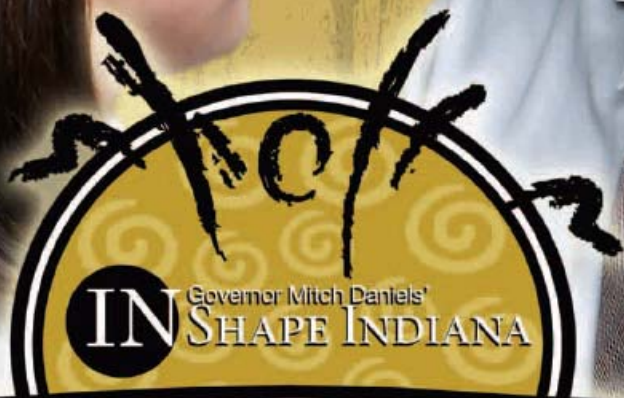
This Emergency Management Agency publication is available online at www.indygov.org and provides important information about how to prepare yourself, your family, your business and your neighborhood for disaster.

The Department of Homeland Security sponsors National Preparedness Month each September in a coordinated, nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools.

*The American Red Cross and Harris Interactive conducted the online survey of more than 2,500 respondents from April 10-16, 2007.



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Work Healthy.



2007 HEALTH SUMMIT

at Purdue University

Plan to attend the INShape Indiana Health Summit at Purdue University

Monday, October 15, 2007
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Purdue University, West Lafayette

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